

Response to Quayle Office Action
Serial No. 10/822,834
SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Ref: Q81023

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are all the claims pending in the application.

Dealing with preliminary matters first. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the drawings are acceptable. Applicant further thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim for priority and receipt of the priority document.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for having indicated that the claims would be allowable except for certain minor amendments. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

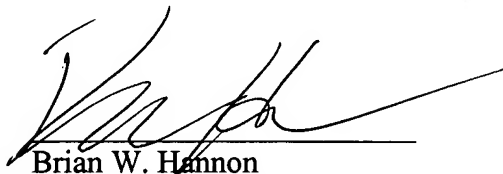
Applicant has reviewed the entire specification and abstract and has amended the specification at page 11, second full paragraph to more clearly claim the invention.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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